

**REMARKS:**

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14 and 16-18 and rejected claims 19-21. Claims 19-21 are cancelled herein and claims 3, 9 and 15 remain cancelled. No new matter is presented. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14 and 16-18 are pending and under consideration. The rejections are traversed below.

**EXAMINER INTERVIEW:**

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to conduct an Interview, and respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned, if there are any remaining issues, in order to expedite allowance of the application.

**ALLOWED CLAIMS:**

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14 and 16-18 are allowed.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):**

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,938,725 (Hara). As mentioned above, claim 21 is cancelled herein without prejudice.

Therefore, withdrawal of the 102(e) rejection is respectfully requested.

**REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):**

Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hara in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,872,925 (Han). As mentioned above, claims 19 and 20 are cancelled herein.

Therefore, withdrawal of the 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

**ENTRY OF AMENDMENT:**

Applicants respectfully request entry of amendments to the claims because the amendments were made to place the application in condition for allowance and do not introduce changes that would require a further search.

**CONCLUSION:**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

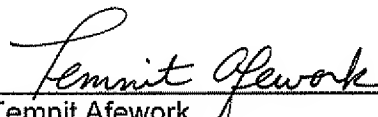
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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